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1. SUMMARY: AT JUNE 5 MEETING TO DISCUSS MARKOVIC
VISIT HIRC STAFFER ABBRUZZESE WENT OVER DRAFT SCHEDULE
(CITED BELOW). EMPHASIS IS ON WORKING MEETINGS WITH
WIDE RANGE OF LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS
AND OTHER PROMINENT AMERICANS INCLUDING SEVERAL OUTSIDE
WASHINGTON. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR MATIC
SAID THE EMBASSY (SPECIFICALLY AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI) WAS
URGING MARKOVIC TO EXTEND HIS PROPOSED FIVE-DAY VISIT
BY TWO OR THREE DAYS TO ALLOW FOR MORE ACTIVITIES OUT-
SIDE OF WASHINGTON. IF THIS SUCCEEDS, PROGRAM AS
PRESENTLY DRAFTED WOULD INCLUDE THREE WORKING DAYS IN
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WASHINGTON, FOLLOWED BY TRAVEL TO WEST COAST OR
MIDDLE-WEST, SOME SIGHTSEEING AND A STOP IN CHICAGO.
ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE AFTERNOON JULY 17,
DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK AFTERNOON JULY 24. EMBASSY VIEWS
ON SUGGESTED PROGRAM WOULD BE WELCOMED. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MET JUNE 5 WITH ABBRUZZESE AND

MATIC TO GO OVER PLANS FOR MARKOVIC/NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATION VISIT. MATIC STATED THAT THE DELEGATION PLANNED TO ARRIVE MONDAY, JULY 17. ASSUMING THAT THEY FLY BY COMMERCIAL AIRLINE (JAT), THEY WOULD HAVE TO DEPART ON FRIDAY, JULY 21 OR MONDAY, JULY 24. IT WAS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY THAT THEY COULD LEAVE AS EARLY AS JULY 21. THE EMBASSY, SPECIFICALLY AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI, IS PRESSING THEM TO STAY OVER THE WEEKEND AND LEAVE ON MONDAY, JULY 24, MATIC SAID.

3. ON NUMBERS, ABBRUZZESE NOTED THAT WE WOULD TRY TO ACCOMMODATE YUGOSLAVIA'S WISHES, BUT WE FELT A MEDIUM-SIZED GROUP COULD BE MORE CONVENIENTLY HANDLED. HE RECALLED THAT IN OUR EARLIER PLANNING WE HAD EXPECTED EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY (INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT) AND ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF ACCOMPANYING STAFF. WE COULD RAISE THAT TO TEN MEMBERS AND TEN OTHERS, BUT MORE THAN THAT WOULD CAUSE SOME STRAIN. MATIC INDICATED THAT THESE NUMBERS WERE REASONABLE AND HE WOULD SO INFORM BELGRADE. HE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI AND ONE EMBASSY STAFFER WOULD TRAVEL WITH THE GROUP. HF DID NOT KNOW WHETHER MARKOVIC PLANNED TO BRING HIS WIFE, BUT IF SO, MRS. BELOVSKI WOULD ALSO TRAVEL WITH THE GROUP.

4. DRAFT SCHEDULE, ALL OF WHICH IS COMPLETELY TENTATIVE AT THIS STAGE, IS AS FOLLOWS:
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MONDAY, 17 JULY 1978

5:00 PM ARRIVE WASHINGTON BY SPECIAL YUGOSLAV FLIGHT
OR VIA CONNECTING COMMERCIAL FLIGHT. TRAVEL
TO WASHINGTON HOTEL -- EVENING FREE

TUESDAY, 18 JULY

9:00 AM DEPART FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:15 AM MEET IN RAYBURN ROOM 2200. WELCOME BY
SPEAKER O'NEILL AND CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI.
RESPONSE BY PRESIDENT MARKOVIC

9:30 AM DISCUSSION OF AMERICAN-YUGOSLAV POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

10:30 AM DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

11:00 AM DISCUSSION OF YUGOSLAV POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

11:45 AM RECESS FOR LUNCH, SENATE OR HOUSE HOSTING

2:30 PM MEETINGS IN SMALL GROUPS WITH INDIVIDUAL

MEMBERS OF HOUSE AND SENATE

7:00 PM RECEPTION AND DINNER - FORT MCNAIR OFFICERS
CLUB (BY INVITATION, SPEAKER O'NEILL HOSTING)

WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY 1978

9:30 AM MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWED BY (OR
CONCURRENT WITH) MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT
MONDALE. VISIT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER.
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11:00 AM MEET WITH SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE

12:00 NOON LUNCH AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOLLOWED BY
GUIDED TOUR OF LIBRARY

3:00 PM MEET WITH PROMINENT AMERICANS (POSSIBILITIES
MENTIONED INCLUDED CHARLES SCHULTZ, ROBERT
MCNAMARA, ROBERT STRAUS, MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL)

7:00 PM RECEPTION - YUGOSLAV EMBASSY, AMBASSADOR
BELOVSKI HOSTING

THURSDAY, 20 JULY 1978

9:00 AM CONTINUE MEETINGS WITH INDIVIDUALS NAMED
ABOVE OR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

1:30 PM TOUR AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

6:00 PM DEPART FOR MIDDLE WEST OR SAN FRANCISCO BY
MILITARY AIRCRAFT. DINNER ON BOARD -
FLYING TIME 2 HOURS.

5. MATIC EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT A CALL COULD BE
ARRANGED ON PRESIDENT CARTER; ABBRUZZESE SAID THAT HE
HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF AND
WAS HOPEFUL THAT IT WOULD WORK OUT. ABBRUZZESE ALSO
SAID HE WOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT
EITHER TOGETHER WITH THE PRESIDENT OR SEPARATELY DEPEND-
ING ON HIS PREFERENCE. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SAID THAT
THEY WOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY VANCE.
ABBRUZZESE ASKED WHETHER A MEETING WITH THE NUCLEAR
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REGULATORY COMMISSION MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL. MATIC REMARKED THAT THIS WOULD DEPEND ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION, WHICH IS NOT YET KNOWN. MATIC SUGGESTED A VISIT TO A WORKING SESSION OF THE SENATE. ABBRUZZESE SAID THAT HE WOULD KNOW ABOUT A WEEK AHEAD OF TIME WHAT ISSUES WOULD BE COMING UP ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE AND

SENATE, AND THAT IF A TOPIC OF INTEREST WAS SCHEDULED SUCH A VISIT COULD BE ARRANGED.

6. TWO POSSIBILITIES FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON WERE DISCUSSED. ONE WOULD INVOLVE A TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO, LEAVING WASHINGTON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY JULY 20, POSSIBLY COMBINED WITH A TRIP ON SATURDAY TO JACKSON HOLE AND YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK OR A TRIP TO THE GRAND CANYON. A VISIT TO CHICAGO COULD BE INCLUDED ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY, FOLLOWED BY A FLIGHT TO NEW YORK FOR CONNECTION WITH THE RETURN FLIGHT TO YUGOSLAVIA. THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE A TRIP TO FARM COUNTRY IN THE MID-WEST, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO CHICAGO. MATIC SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT THESE ALTERNATIVES TO BELGRADE BUT IMPLIED A PREFERENCE FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO/YELLOWSTONE ALTERNATIVE. IN EITHER CASE, THE PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH LOCAL (AND PERHAPS STATE) OFFICIALS AND PROMINENT NON-OFFICIALS.

7. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THIS PROPOSED SCHEDULE WITH MARKOVIC'S OFFICE AND TO FORWARD ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS. VANCE

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